

**NOTE: See additional changes at 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2006 update**

## **Summary of Stock Status Determination Changes – Update through December 31, 2005**

### **Overview of overfishing status of FSSI stocks through December 31, 2005**

- 172 stocks or stock complexes are known with respect to their overfishing status. Of these:
  - 132 stocks or stock complexes are not subject to overfishing.
  - 40 stocks or stock complexes have a fishing mortality rate that exceeds the overfishing threshold (i.e., is subject to overfishing).
- 58 stocks or stock complexes have overfishing thresholds not defined or applicable, or are unknown with respect to their overfishing status.

### **Changes in overfishing status and/or score of FSSI stocks**

- In the Northwest Region -
  - *Lingcod* is no longer subject to overfishing – score increased from 2 to 4 (see overfished changes).
  - *Shortspine Thornyhead* is no longer subject to overfishing – score increased from 3 to 4.
  - *Black Rockfish - North* is no longer subject to overfishing – score increased from 3 to 4.
- There are no changes to any of the other regions.

### **Overview of overfished status of FSSI stocks through December 31, 2005**

- 157 stocks or stock complexes are known with respect to their overfished status. Of these:
  - 116 stocks or stock complexes are not overfished.
  - 41 stocks or stock complexes are overfished.
- 73 stocks or stock complexes have overfished thresholds not defined or applicable, or are unknown with respect to their overfished status.

### **Changes in overfished status and/or score of FSSI stocks**

- In the Northeast Region –
  - The biomass of *Witch Flounder* is now at or above 80% of maximum sustainable yield – score increased from 3 to 4.

- In the Southeast Region –
  - The biomass of *South Atlantic White Shrimp* is now at or above 80% of maximum sustainable yield – score increased from 3 to 4.
  - The biomass of *South Atlantic Brown Shrimp* is now at or above 80% of maximum sustainable yield – score increased from 3 to 4.
- In the Northwest Region –
  - *Lingcod* is rebuilt and the biomass is now at or above 100% of maximum sustainable yield – score increased from 2 to 4 (see overfishing changes).
- In the Alaska Region –
  - *Gulf of Alaska Rex Sole* is not overfished (was previously undefined) and the biomass is now at or above 80% of maximum sustainable yield – score increased from 1.5 to 4.
  - *Gulf of Alaska Rougheye Rockfish* is not overfished (was previously undefined) and the biomass is now at or above 80% of maximum sustainable yield – score increased from 1.5 to 4.
  - *Snow Crab – Bering Sea* is no longer overfished, but is still rebuilding (biomass is below 100% of maximum sustainable yield) – score increased from 2 to 3.
  - *Tanner Crab – Eastern Bering Sea* is no longer overfished, but is still rebuilding (biomass is below 100% of maximum sustainable yield) – score increased from 2 to 3.
  - The biomass of *Gulf of Alaska Walleye Pollock – Western/Central* is now at or above 80% of maximum sustainable yield – score increased from 3 to 4.
- There are no changes to the other regions.

## Overview of overfishing status of non-FSSI stocks through December 31, 2005

- 67 stocks or stock complexes are known with respect to their overfishing status. Of these:
  - 66 stocks or stock complexes are not subject to overfishing.
  - 1 stock has a fishing mortality rate that exceeds the overfishing threshold (i.e., is subject to overfishing).
- 391 stocks or stock complexes have overfishing thresholds not defined or applicable, or are unknown with respect to their overfishing status.

## Changes in overfishing status of non-FSSI stocks

- In the Alaska Region –
  - *Gulf of Alaska Shortraker Rockfish* is not subject to overfishing (was previously undefined).
  - *Gulf of Alaska Longnose Skate* is not subject to overfishing (was previously listed as part of the Other Skates Complex and is now listed as a single stock).
  - *Gulf of Alaska Big Skate* is not subject to overfishing (was previously listed as part of the Other Skates Complex and is now listed as a single stock).
- There are no changes to the other regions.

## Overview of overfished status of non-FSSI stocks through December 31, 2005

- 22 stocks or stock complexes are known with respect to their overfished status. Of these:
  - 21 stocks or stock complexes are not overfished.
  - 1 stock is overfished.
- 436 stocks or stock complexes have overfished thresholds not defined or applicable, or are unknown with respect to their overfished status.

## Changes in overfished status of non-FSSI stocks

- In the Alaska Region –
  - *Gulf of Alaska Longnose Skate* is undefined (was previously listed as part of the Other Skates Complex and is now listed as a single stock).
  - *Gulf of Alaska Big Skate* is undefined (was previously listed as part of the Other Skates Complex and is now listed as a single stock).

- There are no changes to the other regions.